

Good luck on finals and have a great holiday!



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# Fall 2008: in review

Collegian takes a look at some of K-State's most memorable stories from semester

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## SEPT. 12 – K-STATE GREEK SYSTEM RANKS 1ST IN NATION FOR OVERALL EXCELLENCE

The K-State Panhellenic Council holds the National Panhellenic Conference's Biennial Award for Overall Excellence as the top school in the nation, among schools that have more than 10 sorority chapters. This award was last presented in 2007.

The award is given on a rubric of excellence in different aspects, such as leadership, recruitment, training and adherence to National Panhellenic guidelines.

"This will give a stamp of approval for students looking to join the greek program," said Scott Jones, director of Greek Affairs and assistant dean of students. "It will enable students to find themselves at KSU. Students looking for opportunities will be able to make the experience of greek life their own."



## SEPT. 15 — WEFALD GIVES LAST STATE OF UNIVERSITY ADDRESS

Fighting back tears while speaking about his time at K-State, President Jon Wefald delivered his 23rd and final State of the University Address Friday at the K-State Alumni Center Ballroom.

His speech was dedicated mostly to the changes he witnessed and helped create at K-State

since becoming president in 1986. Wefald said he is leaving K-State in the best shape it has ever been.

"If someone else would have come here in 1986, I can't tell you what would have happened," Wefald said. "But I came here, and from the day I got here, my journey was always going to be about hope."



## SEPT. 30 — MAKING IT COUNT: CAMPUS GROUPS STRIVE TO REGISTER NEW VOTERS

Their motives might be different, but groups like the Student Governing Association and greek chapters united to register students for the historic Nov. 4 general election.

"When you get more than one voter registered, it's

phenomenal," said Doug Shane, sophomore in animal sciences and industry and president of College Republicans. "It's something the organizations involved and the university should be proud of — that we've gotten this many people involved in politics."

## OCT. 14 — K-STATE BOASTS HIGHEST ENROLLMENT NUMBERS EVER

This fall's record enrollment number is 23,520, which includes more students of color as well as more international students and first-time freshmen.

"All of us at K-State are thrilled that we have a record enrollment of 23,520 students," President Jon Wefald said, "and we are also delighted that K-State has a record number of students of color and international students as well."

The total for minority students includes record highs for black and Hispanic students. International student enrollment has also increased, including 431 students from China.



## OCT. 28 - K-STATE STUDENT SEEKS SEAT IN KANSAS LEGISLATURE, AIMS TO BE YOUNGEST STATE SENATOR EVER IN OFFICE

Andrew Rickel, sophomore in music education, was the Democratic candidate in Kansas' 12th Senate District and was the youngest person running for state office in the general election.

Rickel's father, who has run for the state House of Representatives before, was approached by party leaders to run for the seat. He declined but suggested his son, who subsequently accepted and began his campaign on June 7.



## NOV. 6 — DETHRONED: ADMINISTRATION DECIDES TO LET PRINCE GO AT SEASON'S END

K-State Athletic Director Bob Krause announced

Nov. 5 that coach Ron Prince will not return in 2009.

"It was decided at this point we would not renew coach Ron Prince's contract at the end of this season," Krause said. "It's in the best interests of the institution and the program. We are in a performance-based profession. We reached a point — while our goal remains the same — a change is necessary."

The change comes on the heels of a three-game losing streak, including a 52-21 loss at KU — the worst defeat against the Jayhawks since 1985.



## NOV. 19 - CHAPMAN FAMILY TO RECEIVE REBUILD FROM "EXTREME MAKEOVER: HOME EDITION"

The "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" crew presented the Patrick Tutwiler family with its new home at 2:30 p.m. Nov. 18 in Chapman, Kan. The Tutwiler family members have been living on a military base since their house in Chapman, along with much of the town, was devastated by the June 11 tornado that also swept through Manhattan and K-State's campus.

Besides providing the Tutwiler family with a new home and furnishings, the "EMHE" crew also built a new community center for Chapman and helped other residents who were affected by the June 11 tornado that damaged the town. Christal Baer, Chapman resident, and her family members have stayed in a rental home since their house was destroyed. This week, "EMHE" donated new furniture to Baer's family.

## NOV. 21 - BAND MEMBERS MARCH ON UNION, SGA AMENDS BILL

A recommendation made by the Student Governing Association Privilege Fee Committee to phase out funding for the university marching band over the next three years was a result of critical budget cuts from the state of Kansas.

"Specifically, the issue of the marching band privilege fee has really centered around whether or not the average student should be paying for the marching band and where [the marching band] should realistically be getting their funding from," said Wayne Stoskopf, SGA privilege fee committee chair.

The bill was amended to continue funding the band for the next three fiscal years at \$140,000 a year.

"The band did not win today; the administration did not win today; SGA did not win today; K-State University won today," said Senate Chair Amy Schultz.

## NOV. 24 — SNYDER TO BE NAMED COACH

Bill Snyder, whose work at K-State has been called the greatest turnaround in football history, told school officials he would return to coach the Wildcats again. Snyder retired three years ago after taking one of the worst programs in college football history and turning it into a winning one — an achievement many in

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## A few interesting things and trends over the past months

Pictures/photo illustrations printed in the Collegian: **1,035**

Letters to the editor printed: **46**

Nov. 5, the day after the election

counting

Krause: "It takes time. It's not a 1-season deal"

Number of rapes reported in the paper: **9**

Ron Prince Fourum mentions: **18**

Eco-friendly stories: **24**

Most popular online poll: **"Should the university fire coach Prince?"**

Headline, **Nov. 6:** "Administration decides to let Prince go at season's end"

Videos on the eCollegian's YouTube profile: **26** — with more than **40** produced throughout the semester

Redheaded Irishman Fourum mentions: **29**  
Most online hits: **12,500** unique visitors

Article with the most online comments: Aug. 26 Fourum with **50** comments and

Headline, **Aug. 27:** "5 More Years - AD

—Compiled by Sydney Eagleton, Sheila Ellis and Natalie Crane

## KSU staff parking lot to shut down soon for construction of new leadership facility

By Jelani Yancey  
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The construction of a new Leadership Studies building will cost the university another parking lot.

The new facility will be built over what is currently lot A23, which contains 104 faculty and staff parking spaces between Shellenberger Hall and Strong Complex, said Darwin Abbott, director of parking services. Construction will begin Dec. 29.

To mitigate the loss of spaces, Parking Services' Council on Parking Operations voted Thursday afternoon to redirect faculty and staff parking to lot A17, just north of Shellenberger Hall.

In that lot, 66 spaces currently reserved for students will be converted so they will be available for students, faculty and staff, Abbot said.

Parking Services will also convert many

campus parking stalls currently housing state-owned vehicles that see little use, such as agricultural tractors, Abbott said. Students, faculty and staff will be able to park in the newly-liberated stalls across campus, while the state vehicles will have to be parked in lot B18, north of campus, he said.

"We know we're not going to be able to replace every single spot," said Robert Swift, student body vice president. "There's no getting around the fact that we're just losing those spots."

Construction on the parking garage adjacent to the K-State Student Union should be complete in the spring, said Jeff Barnes, assistant director of parking services. The new garage will create almost 900 new slots for students, faculty and staff.

"Everybody's going to have to suffer for the time being. The parking garage is coming," said Swift, a junior in political science.

## Local 5-car vandalism occurs late Wednesday

By Salena Strate  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A vandalism incident involving five cars occurred Wednesday near Kearney Street, according to a Riley County Police report.

RCPD Lt. Kurt Moldrup said the crimes occurred between 1 a.m. and 10 a.m.

According to a report, a 1999 Dodge Dakota, a 2003 Honda Accord, a 1999 Toyota Camry, a 2000 Dodge Neon and a 1995 Buick were all damaged.

The vehicles belonged to Dara Anderson, 21, of 715 Moro; Stefanie Augur, 21, of 706 Vattier; Nicholas Olivarez, 21, of 1001

Kearney; Seungyub Han, 28, of 1001 Kearney; and Kyle Jacobs, 22, of 1001 Kearney.

## STOLEN ITEMS

In another RCPD report, a 42-inch plasma TV, a Dell laptop and an Xbox 360 were stolen from 712 Laramie, Apt. B.

The aggravated burglary occurred Wednesday.

The victims are Chad Lundeen, 18; Andrew Boyd, 18; Nicholas Lundeen, 20; and Adam Sobba, 19 — all residents of the apartment.

Another victim was Maleah Smith, 19, who resides at 734 Ford Hall.







# Proposal to offer ethnic studies degree

**By Tyler Sharp**  
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A program as diverse and changing as the K-State student body could reach new heights if the Kansas Board of Regents approves a new proposal.

The proposal would add Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees of American Ethnic Studies to K-State's curriculum beginning in fall 2009.

Currently a secondary major and secondary minor are the only available options for students in this subject. Those options will no longer be available if the proposal passes.

Cheryl Ragar, assistant professor in American Ethnic Studies, said it is an exciting time to be associated with the program since K-State has become more diverse over the years.

"I think that puts American Ethnic Studies in a really special place to help students and to help the rest of the university achieve those goals," she said, "and I think that is very exciting that we are on the verge of having our own degree program. That's something important that we will be able to help students here."

The American Ethnic Studies program began in 1987, said Juanita McGowan, director and assistant professor of American Ethnic Studies and assistant dean of diversity for the College of Arts and Sciences.

When McGowan became director of the program in the late 1990s, there was one course, Introduction to American Ethnic Studies.

McGowan said the program was reaching about 15 students per semester.

Therefore, she decided to try to increase enrollment by offering more courses.

"That was challenging, because you are creating these classes with no guarantees or support for it," she said.

McGowan said the program now reaches about 300 students per semester.

Student interest, general interest and growth in the program led

to the secondary major and minor, she said. The major and minor are interdisciplinary and would continue if the proposal passes the Board of Regents. The proposal outlines seven new courses to be added to the curriculum.

Faculty in departments ranging from music to family studies and human services lead the courses, which count toward elective credit.

To be added to the curriculum, courses must have 40-percent race and ethnicity content and must pass through the American Ethnic Studies Governance Board.

The interdisciplinary nature of the curriculum appeals to some students.

Jared Woods, freshman in graphic design with a minor in American Ethnic Studies, said he enjoyed hearing different perspectives on different cultures.

"It gives you the opportunity to open your mind and your way of thinking towards different cultures and ideas that may be unfamiliar to you now," he said in an e-mail interview.

According to McGowan and the proposal, K-State was one of the first schools in the Big 12 Conference to offer a "comparative ethnic studies program."

Now, the University of Colorado and the University of Nebraska are the only schools to offer degrees in ethnic studies.

Other schools offer specialized areas of study, such as American Studies and African-American Studies.

If the proposal passes, the American Ethnic program would be the lone undergraduate program of its kind offered in the state of Kansas, McGowan said.

Ragar thinks the American Ethnic Studies program offers students unique perspectives and understanding.

"I think no matter what major a student is following, general understanding about where that comes from and perhaps having some ideas on where we are going adds to being a better citizen," she said, "and can add to their success in whatever career path they are going."

# Professor tests digital class in event management course



COURTESY PHOTO

An image of the virtual world "Second Life", is displayed. This is the first K-State class period in a virtual world.

**By Jason Miller**  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Imagine waking up to see snow falling outside while still being able to attend class in the comfort of your pajamas.

At this point it sounds too good to be true, but this reality might be closer than many people think.

This week, Betsy Barrett, associate professor of hospitality management and dietetics, with the help of her teaching assistant Nellie Feehan, junior in hotel and restaurant management, organized the first K-State class period in the virtual world, "Second Life."

About 30 students were enrolled in her course, Convention and Event Management, which students attended on K-State's campus all semester.

As a special project, Barrett had her students attend one class session via Second Life and assigned the students projects to be presented in the digital classroom.

According to Second Life's Web site, *secondlife.com*, Second Life is a 3-D virtual world created by its residents.

Since opening in 2003, it has expanded and is inhabited by millions of residents from around the globe.

The students spent weeks creating avatars, which are computer versions of themselves, and working on their projects. The projects included presentations for the entire class and a party in Second Life. The computerized class session was Dec. 4. The students will organize two other events in Second Life to complete this special project.

Barrett said the students' party, which was planned for Thursday afternoon, is to launch the department's new name, Hospitality Management and Dietetics, formerly known as Hotel, Restaurant and Institution Management and Dietetics.

The students planned the event using real-world application measures of event planning, though they did not need to physically coordinate the event, Barrett said.

# Local MLK contest ongoing

**By Steven Miller**  
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The Martin Luther King Jr. Art and Writing Contest began at Manhattan Public Library Monday. This is just one facet of the Manhattan community's annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, which will proceed in January.

The contest will be accepting original visual and writing works that embodies a theme contemplated by King. Messages of nonviolence, social justice and bridging the gap between racial and ethnic divisions are just a few examples of acceptable themes.

Contestants can find entry forms at the public library or by visiting their Web site. Categories include four genres, and awards will be based on each grade in school in addition to an adult category.

"The MLK Memorial committee started this contest many years ago, but the library has just taken it on in the past five years," said Jennifer Adams, Manhattan Public Library representative. "We started as just a drop-off point for the submissions, but then it progressed until we were involved in the judging process as well as displaying some of the art work."

A panel of volunteer judges will select the winning submissions, which will be announced and displayed during the Martin Luther King Jr. Public Awards Ceremony Jan. 19 at Manhattan Town Center. Also, several pieces will be displayed in the Capitol Building in Topeka for the remainder of the year.

"A lot of places are closed for MLK Jr. Day," Adams said. "The library has decided to stay open as a place where people who have the day off can come and learn about the Civil Rights Movement."

The Manhattan Public Library is located at 629 Poyntz Ave. Contest entries will be accepted until Jan. 11 during library hours.

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# Peace of mind

## Relaxation should be a big part of winter break



FRANK MALE

As Christmas gets closer, everyone looks forward to something. It might be gifts or the end of the semester. It might be that after a semester spent away at college, everyone comes home to their real home – with family. The celebration of Jesus’ birth is certainly something to look forward to. For whatever reason, people everywhere are looking forward to the holidays.

This is also a good time for introspection. In the hustle-and-bustle world we live in, it is difficult to have time to sit down and think. Yet, the simple process is quite necessary. Throughout the semester, students learn more and more about the world around us. We forget, though, the importance of learning more about ourselves.

Sometimes it seems useless to stare off into space and wonder. It was noted recently in a large newspaper

that the corporate environment frowns on the practice. A boss who sees a man working hard at his desk will imagine him productive, while a boss who sees a man sitting at his desk, thinking, will think that he is wasting time and money. However, cognition is just as necessary in business as is action. Every great innovation comes from an idea.

In life, innovations are just as vital. Determining what you do best, what you love to do and figuring out how to harmonize everything sometimes requires a little out-of-the-box thinking.

Whether it is thinking about what major to choose or which girl to date, we all consider a lot already. Finals are

almost upon us, and it is unsurprising that more and more time is spent thinking about and working on class, trying to tip the scales towards a better grade.

With everything going on, a little time unmolested is difficult to come by. Writer Sarah Ban Breathnach reminds us, “Only when the clamor of the outside world is silenced will you be able to hear the deeper vibration.”

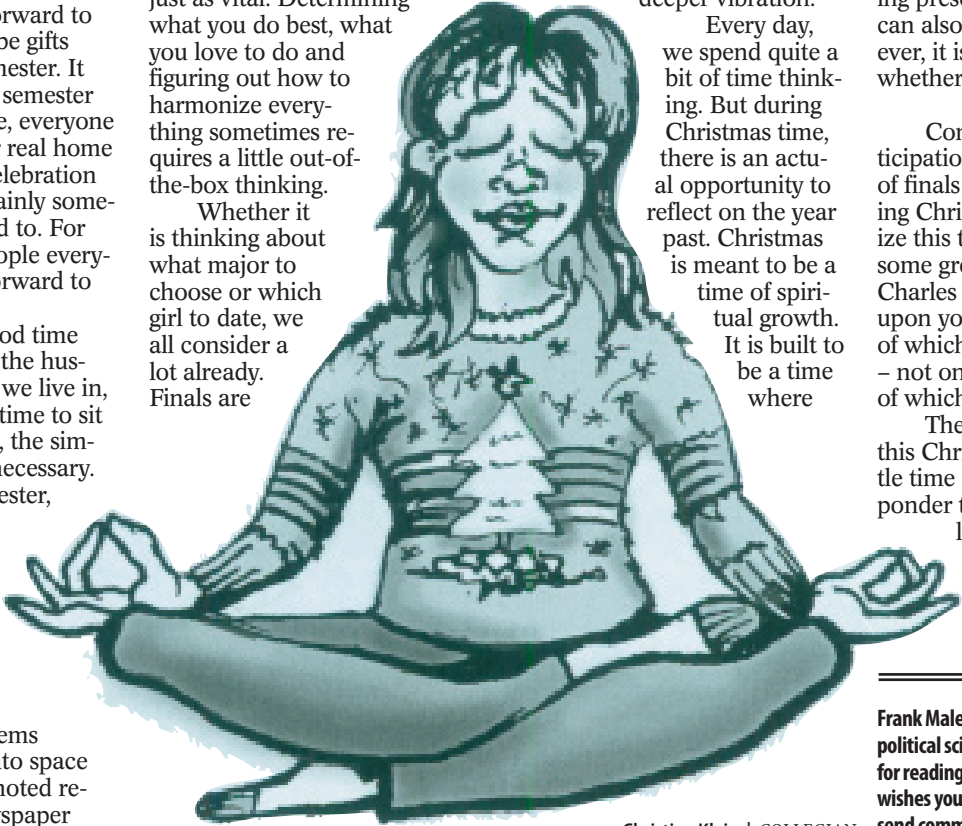
Every day, we spend quite a bit of time thinking. But during Christmas time, there is an actual opportunity to reflect on the year past. Christmas is meant to be a time of spiritual growth. It is built to be a time where

we can come together with our family and appreciate all of our blessings.

A little introspection flows naturally from this. Yes, it is easy to be distracted by the day-to-day, even during this time. Family members can bring strong disagreements to the table. It is true that because school is out, work tries to fill the vacuum of time. That timeless Christmas tradition of buying presents for one another can also introduce stress. However, it is a personal decision whether to let this bother us.

Considering the great anticipation surrounding the end of finals and the approaching Christmas break, we realize this time of year does have some great possibilities. As Charles Dickens said, “Reflect upon your present blessings – of which every man has many – not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.”

Therefore, I ask you, over this Christmas break set a little time off for yourself. Try to ponder the great questions of life, search for inner peace and sit in awe of the joys of life. It will be time very well spent.



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# Smoking ban inhibits practice of American citizen rights



JOEL CAMPBELL

What do sports arenas, restaurants and car washes all have in common? There might not be many obvious answers; however, there is one very important response. Any guesses? If not, you probably aren’t a smoker.

That’s right. These, among many other businesses, are being forced to enforce tobacco-related regulations put in place by a recently passed ordinance in Manhattan. We all know it, but some have yet to come to terms with it.

I, personally, am not a smoker. I can’t stand the habit and prefer not to have smoke in my face. While you might think I agree with this rubbish

that came with the smoking ban, I do not. I am the type of person that doesn’t want to give up any rights, even those I don’t use. Who’s to say one day I won’t want to light up? Though I likely never will, I want to be able to have the right to do it, especially at a bar.

Here’s the problem. When many Manhattan citizens voted on the issue, they weren’t voting with all the facts. According to [ci.manhattan.ks.us](http://ci.manhattan.ks.us), the ballot only explained that smoking would be eliminated within public places and places of employment, while also expressing a biased stance on secondhand smoke and “non-smokers rights.”

But what about that silly “can’t smoke within 20 feet of an entrance or parking lot, so smoke doesn’t enter the establishment’s building” part?

Here’s what I want to know: What about those people who live in lofts above businesses in Aggieville that choose to step outside to have a cigarette? We do have a choice

as to whether we will smoke in our homes, but is it going to be regulated that these people cannot smoke on their balconies for fear that smoke will creep down the building and slide into the door?

Or what about those who live inconveniently within 20 feet of a convenience store? I have seen a multitude of homes located within this distance, and I can’t help but wonder if their rights are being violated. Though the outlines for this part of the law indicate it will not infringe upon private residences, one must worry if this will inadvertently happen.

For this nonsense to have been voted for, a petition signed by 1,300 residents claiming smoke is a “public nuisance” was required. Of course, these signatures were obtained, and you know the petitioners stayed as far away from Aggieville

as possible.

At any rate, being caught with a cigarette in public is now a misdemeanor. All I can hope is that there aren’t too many officers out and about putting out cigarettes and writing tickets rather than doing bigger things, like combating drunk driving.

So, I pose my question to you again: What do bars, restaurants and pubs have in common? That’s easy.

You won’t find me in any of them. I’d rather be at a friend’s house where I can exercise my freedoms and rights as an American citizen.

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# BEST OF FOURUM

## BEST OF THE FOURUM

As visions of finals and and projects dance through our heads, it can be hard to remember what is truly important in life. That’s right - the Collegian, and perhaps even more importantly, the Fourum. We enjoy the funny, confusing or simply crazy comments every day just as much as you do, but there are always a few that tend to stand out each semester. These are our picks for the best Fourum comments of the semester.

**“This is to my brown-eyed boy. A year ago I asked you out through the Fourum. Now I’m just calling to say I love you, and it’s been a great year.”**

This one was too cute not to bring up again. We’re happy to play matchmaker. If it works out, we expect an invitation to the wedding. We prefer an

open bar.

**“Bill Snyder is like a bad ex-girlfriend we just can’t break up with.”**

Say what you want, we’re just happy to have a football coach. Plus, kudos to him for being able to coach in a stadium he should never forget the name of. On a related note.

**“If Bill Snyder is a bad ex-girlfriend, he’s the best lay K-State’s ever had.”**

In a weird, really crude way, this is perhaps the most true statement made in the midst of the the tons of “Snyder’s back” comments we received. Well played, sir.

**“Scooter girl and Unicycle Guy should get together and have a UniScoot.”**

The word “UniScoot” is just so darn cool. It had to make the list of the best. UniScoot. It’s just so fun to say.

**“This is the redheaded Irishman, and I accept**

**your challenge, brown-haired Dutchman.”**

This comment is just a sampling of the plethora of red-headed Irishman comments we received. On that note, to the redheaded Irishman, the brown-haired Dutchman, the blonde-haired Swede and every other hair color or nationality who called in: You are all officially the “it” Fourum topic this year. Congratulations.



Check out our Web site for the rest of today’s Fourum.

[kstatecollegian.com](http://kstatecollegian.com)

## THE FOURUM

The Campus Fourum is the Collegian’s anonymous call-in system. The Fourum is edited to eliminate vulgar, racist, obscene and libelous comments. The comments are not the opinion of the Collegian nor are they endorsed by the editorial staff.

**To** all of those who say “I can’t”: Argue for your limitations, and sure enough, they’ll be yours.

**I** have a cute, fluffy penguin named Pickles, and he loves everybody.

**I** lost my wallet. It’s pink, and if you found it, look at the ID on the inside and Facebook me.

**Seriously,** a turbo on a Sunfire? Tool.

**What** do a rabbit, a cougar and George Bush have in common? Nothing, but they all sure can dance.

**So** a bobcat just showed up late to my physics lecture.

**Happy** birthday, Laurie.

**If** my roommate buys a fondue kit, does he like boys?

**To** the cute girl that ran into the door at Hale today: We should meet up sometime.

**I** wish I was as cool as Lauren is.

**To** the people who actually put what you’re doing on your Facebook status: not cool.

**To** my friend calling into the Fourum right now: Please quit itching your balls.

**I** think I’m in love with the CD Tradepost guy.

**We’re** so in sync, we should start a boy band.

**I** found my pink wallet, so no more worries.

**God** bless the ResNet help desk.

**Apparently** going to Chipotle was a bad idea.

**Anybody** looking for a good laugh, go to [drunkkyle.com](http://drunkkyle.com).

**Grinding** is not dancing.

**To** the girl that me and my friend walked with on Manhattan Avenue on Tuesday: We should do it again sometime.

**Man,** I hope she reads the Collegian.

## THE FOTO FOURUM

Collegian Foto Fourum - Basically it’s just like the Fourum but without all the words. E-mail your pictures to [ksufotofourum@gmail.com](mailto:ksufotofourum@gmail.com), and on Mondays and Wednesdays, we will post several of them on [kstatecollegian.com](http://kstatecollegian.com). Simple rules are no nudity, obscene gestures or text, and no product placement. Other than that, all pictures are fair game.

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# Area foundation aims to improve lives of returning soldiers

By **Tiffany Roney**  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Welcome Home Heroes is an example of what happens when K-State students, Junction City businessmen and Fort Riley soldiers work together – a nonprofit organization providing services to wounded and disabled soldiers as they transition out of the army.

WHH began by providing down-payment assistance to soldiers seeking homes but now focuses on coordinating internships. The foundation, which has existed for eight months, spends 40 hours and \$2,000 per soldier and has helped 63 soldiers.

Jeff Burton, owner of American Dream Development in Junction City, is the co-founder of WHH.

“When I first came to Junction City, I wanted to do something philanthropic that helped soldiers and their families, being ex-military myself and disabled,” Burton said.

Burton’s eyes widened as he remembered the excitement of his “a-ha moment,” when a general told him a wave of soldiers were returning, but the Warriors in Transition Battalion was limited in its capacity to help them.

“I called Gary Drake [co-founder of WHH] and said, ‘I have an idea,’ and three months later we had a Memorandum Donor standing with the Army, the first of its kind in the nation,” Burton said.

Bevin Landrum, military relations manager for the Manhattan-Area Chamber of Commerce, said the chamber works together with WHH and K-State to provide military families with couple’s nights, children’s programs and more.

“It’s about creating the relationship between K-State – alumni, students, future students – and Fort Riley,” Landrum said. “Manhattan is very lucky to live sandwiched between these two huge bodies of people that are not long-time Manhattan residents but who have such a dynamic impact. Any way we can create a triangle of support really does bode well for the happiness of the community.”

One example of this “triangle of support” is Honey-Do Days, which have utilized K-State sororities, fraternities and honoraries.

“If your husband’s deployed, the maintenance things around the home get undone,” said Landrum. “You’re so busy watching the 2- and 3-year-old that you can’t get up on a ladder and clean the gutters. What would be going on in the house while you were doing that?”

K-State groups also have worked with WHH to have “Welcome Home” signs and give goodies to soldiers returning from Iraq.

“The general says a few words, and he has learned that shorter is sweeter,” Landrum said with a laugh. “Then it’s a massive crush of people trying to find their soldier.”

Dressed in a festive red sweater, Landrum used lively hand gestures to emphasize the importance of WHH not only for soldiers, but also for students who volunteer.

“The years of 18-22 is a time when you’re focused on yourself,” she said. “But it’s amazing when you say, ‘I need 20 volunteers on a Saturday morning,’ and not only do I get 20, but 35 people show up. It’s always heartwarming to me that this many students are willing to do something for somebody else.”

Erik Stewart, Army lieutenant and director of operations at WHH, was still dressed in his beige fatigues as he spun around in his office chair to give his views.

“One of the things you have to look at is the synergistic effect,” Stewart said. “You take a soldier from Fort Riley and they work for a corporation or small business, and they develop a relationship. That keeps that soldier and his family around this area. The more people that stay here, the more businesses that can come, then the more people that support this. Four or five years down the road, maybe we’ve had an impact on five, six, seven thousand people.”

In addition to the economic and business-related effects, Burton emphasized the



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**Jeff Burton**, co-founder of Welcome Home Heroes, and **Erik Stewart**, director of operations for WHH, both work in a small office off of highway 77 in Junction City.

social connectivity WHH provides.

“When you’re in the Army, you’re all Army, all the time,” Burton said. “Now, these soldiers are getting out of the Army. Not only do they lose their job, they lose their friends. So this gives those soldiers an opportunity to build friendships in the community. There’s huge value for \$2,000.”

Burton said WHH’s No. 1 problem is lack of money.

“Posts from around the country have requested us to expand to their installation,” Burton said. “If we were well-funded right now, we could have programs running around the country, but we can’t do it because we don’t have the funding.”

This problem also affects WHH’s employees.

“It’s coming off the backs of the founders, myself and Gary Drake, and others that are throwing personal resources at this to continue to helping soldiers,” he said. “[WHH Executive Director Cheryl Lin Higgins] donates a lot of her time now because we can’t afford to pay her, and she’s even had to take a second job in order to keep helping.”

What can K-State students do?

“Support us,” Stewart said. “We’ll take a plate of cookies. We’ve got a place for \$50,000 too. You just let us know what you want to do.”

“Cookies or \$50,000,” Burton said.

“And anything in between,” Stewart said.

To help the Welcome Home Heroes organization, visit our Web site for a link to the WHH site [projectwinfortriley.com](http://projectwinfortriley.com)

# U.S. economy brings halt to sections of local redevelopment

By **Scott Girard**  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

While large retailers Hy-Vee and Bed, Bath and Beyond are still scheduled to open by fall 2009, the ailing economy has halted any further expansion of the downtown redevelopment.

The shells of those retailers are already constructed and a refreshed 4th Street has been open for a few months. However, outside of those, the realty firm in charge of the redevelopment – Dial Realty – has not been able to find any smaller retailers to fill other building space, said assistant city manager Jason Hilgers.

“Right now it’s more of a national economy situation,” Hilgers said. “There’s definitely interest in Manhattan, and will continue to be. Now it’s just a matter of

just finding those businesses that are still in the expansion mode.”

Hilgers said many businesses have had to cut back on their budgets and decided not to expand for the time being. He does hold out some hope for next year though.

“I think the momentum is really going to pick up once Hy-Vee, Bed, Bath and Beyond and Petco open,” he said. “Obviously people are going to want to relocate near a grocery store. They generate a lot of foot traffic and vehicles and restaurants will see that as well.”

That will all depend on whether the economy can rebound from its current status, which is still unclear according to most economists.

The south section of the redevelopment is still being stalled by the ongoing lawsuit from Manhattan Citizens for Sustainable

Downtown Redevelopment. The group claims that Manhattan and Dial Realty changed the original agreement on the layout of the redevelopment.

Though the City of Manhattan won the original case earlier this year, MCSD repealed the case to the Kansas Supreme Court, which has yet to hear the case.

This causes a problem for the city, as it is expected to pay back a \$16 million loan – which was used to buy the land for the south section of the redevelopment – from Key Bank in Denver by June 2009. The city expects to pay off the loan by issuing bonds, but they cannot be issued until the lawsuit is settled and investors gain confidence in the future of the redevelopment.

With no expectations of the lawsuit being cleared any time soon, Bernie Hayen, city finance director, hesitantly said the

city might have to ask for an extension of Key Bank’s deadline – which he said is willing to negotiate a delay.

“I think at this point that’s probably a likely possibility,” Hayen said.

As for the economic downturn affecting Key Bank’s decision to accept an extension, Hayen said, “They’re doing fine. That’s not a problem.”

Key Bank, the 16th-largest bank in the U.S., has done better than many other banks because it did not issue sub-prime mortgages – which caused a domino effect in the housing market and later the credit market. But even banks like Key Bank are having to cut back. According to the Cleveland Plain Dealer, Key has cut several hundred jobs across the country, accounting for three percent of its overall workforce.

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# Top 10 albums of 2008

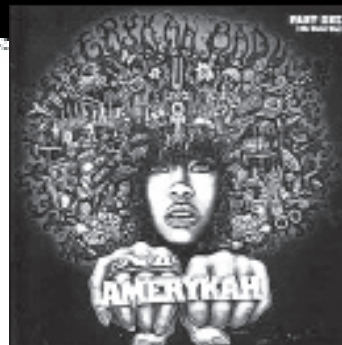
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*I'm not sure what it was, but for some reason in 2008, I fell behind in regard to the new music scene. I started off the year pretty well, staying up-to-date with the latest buzz bands, but around July, my new music acquisition began to peter out. I think it is because I got a job and was also preparing to graduate. So, while I've listened to a good amount of music this past year, there are still several releases I would have loved to hear – and they could've possibly been included on this list. But I must base this list on what I've heard, and for your consideration, I present my final list for the Collegian of the top 10 albums of the year.*



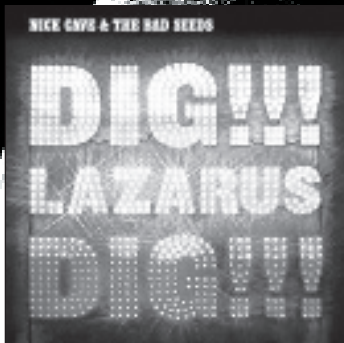
## 1. LIL' WAYNE, "THA CARTER III"

Even Lil' Wayne believes his own hype: "You can't get on my level. You gonna need a spaceship or a ladder that's forever," he raps on "3 Peat." While Wayne isn't the greatest rapper of his generation as so many have proclaimed, his deluge of recent mix-tapes, and now the release of his latest album, has shown that this young rapper is poised to take over the world.



## 2. ERYKAH BADU, "NEW AMERYKAH: PART ONE (4TH WORLD WAR)"

There's a reason Erykah Badu included her new single, "Honey" as a bonus track to her album. The track is an amazing achievement, it just doesn't fit into the album. Badu has set forth to create an homage to soul, funk and hip-hop on "New Amerykah".



## 5. NICK CAVE AND THE BAD SEEDS, "DIG, LAZARUS DIG!!!"

Nick Cave has been making music for more than 25 years and on his 14th album with the Bad Seeds, Cave and his band rock harder than those half his age. Coming off last year's rollicking Grinderman side project, Cave and the Seeds seem invigorated and rejuvenated.



## 4. TV ON THE RADIO, "DEAR SCIENCE"

TV on the Radio has always been a band that has made heady music, but at times, that headiness could become overwhelming, and the band could alienate listeners with its experimental side. "Dear Science" finds the band tempering that side without losing a bit of its identity. By toning down the noise and increasing the hooks, TV on the Radio has created its best album yet.



## 3. WOLF PARADE, "AT MOUNT ZOOMER"

In 2005, Modest Mouse's Isaac Brock introduced the world to the Montreal-based Indie-rock quartet, Wolf Parade. Since then, Spencer Krug and Dan Boeckner, Wolf Parade's lead songwriters, have been busy with side projects galore. The two have brought that energy to "At Mount Zoomer" by creating an album that takes the band's winning formula and splinters it in myriad of exciting new directions. Wolf Parade proves its debut was not a fluke, and the band gives an album that is nothing short of remarkable.



## 6. THE DODOS, "THE VISITER"

On its first official release, this duo from San Francisco shows that not all experimental music needs to be harsh and alienating. Often armed with simply a guitar and drum set, Meric Long and Logan Kroeber burst forth with energy and creativity, using their exotic influences to create a winning formula.



## 7. HARVEY MILK, "LIFE ... THE BEST GAME IN TOWN"

Harvey Milk has been around for about 10 years, but most of that time was spent inactive. This band from Athens, Ga., has returned for its fifth album with a refined sound of an amalgamation of metal genres. Combining the band's more experimental side with the accessible, the band always keeps the listener guessing.



## 8. FLEET FOXES, "FLEET FOXES"

Fleet Foxes is another band that attempts to mine mountain ballads in the service of Indie pop, but few have done this as successfully as this Seattle quintet. On its debut, Fleet Foxes create a consistent album utilizing hushed and wistful instrumentation and vocals to excellent effect.



## 9. VAMPIRE WEEKEND, "VAMPIRE WEEKEND"

I'm not sure what the future has for this quartet, but even if their eponymous debut is the only great album they release, it is a musical statement to be proud of. Marrying Afro-pop sounds with Indie rock, Vampire Weekend has created a unique sound.

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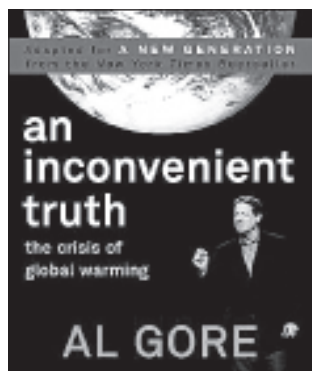


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## 'THE FOOD REVOLUTION' BY JOHN ROBBINS

This book is a must-read for anyone who cares about the environment. Though it

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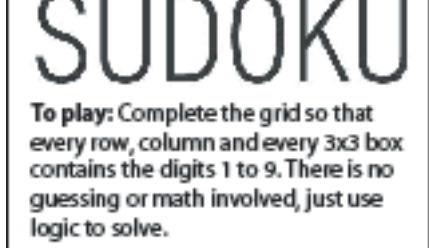
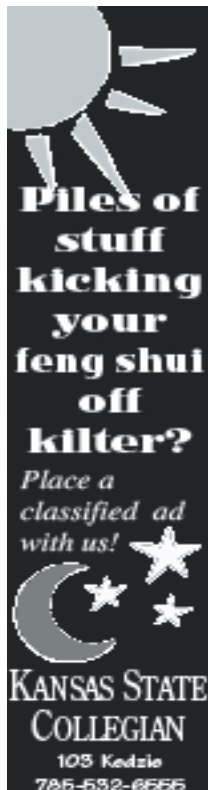
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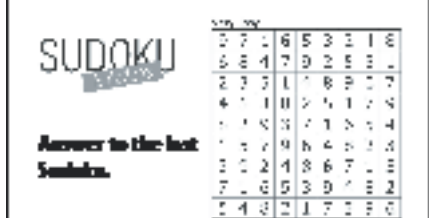
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**DEC. 3 — INDIAN STUDENTS DISCUSS HOMETOWN CONNECTIONS TO MUMBAI TERRORIST ATTACKS**  
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In a press conference Dec. 4 at the Biosecurity Research Institute in Pat Roberts Hall, President Wefald spoke about the Department of Homeland Security's choice of K-State to be the new location of the National Bio and Agro Defense Facility.  
"This is probably the most single important event in KSU history," Wefald said. "K-State is the world's finest animal health facility. They could take over this building right now and start doing the research Plum Island has been doing for years now."



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# Where should I move?

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1. **PLYMOUTH, MINN.**

Top notch schools, good jobs, affordable housing, low crime, an active outdoor culture - yep, they're pretty much all here. Plymouth could have become just another Twin Cities suburb, but more than 50,000 jobs keep residents working there.



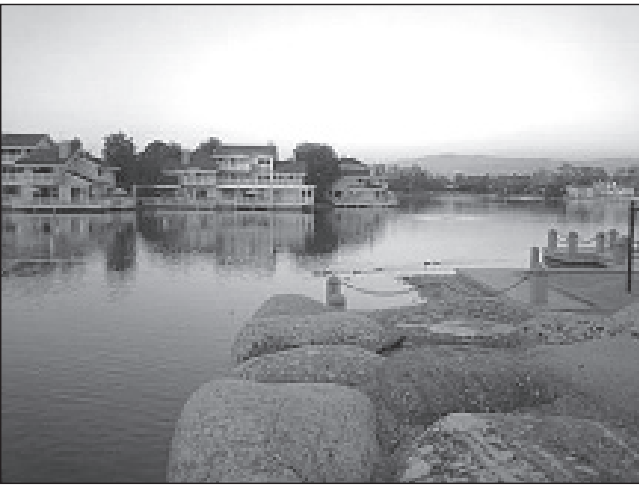
2. **FORT COLLINS, COLO.**

One of the first things to notice about this Rocky Mountain city is that practically every new road has a bike lane. Even the wheelless can get in on the action now that Fort Collins has a bike library - residents and visitors can check out a bicycle for up to seven days, without charge.



3. **NAPERVILLE, IL.**

It is no wonder Naperville has made Money's Best Places list three times in a row. The walkable downtown area is packed with restaurants and shops. The popular Riverwalk is nearly a two-mile brick path following the DuPage River's course through town.



4. **IRVINE, CALIF.**

Long before developers embraced the idea of mixed-use communities, there was Irvine. It was established in the 1960s, when the University of California commissioned architect William Pereira to design a new campus and town. Today, its population is about 200,000, yet it feels smaller due to its tight-knit neighborhoods and more than 16,000 acres of green space.



5. **FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, N.J.**

When one hears the phrase "primeval old-growth forest," chances are New Jersey does not spring immediately to mind. However, the state known for jokes about its mammoth turnpike does in fact boast a pristine wilderness: a 65-acre one in Franklin Township.



6. **NORMAN, OKLA.**

Sit down for lunch at Café Plaid in Norman and one will see a little of everything: mothers with babies, students with laptops, and out-of-towners visiting the University of Oklahoma across the street. People flock to Norman from around the world to study and teach, then to stay and raise a family.

7. **ROUND ROCK, TEXAS**

Once merely a bedroom community of Austin, Round Rock today is very much its own city thanks largely to three things: affordable housing, excellent schools and computer maker Dell, which has established its headquarters here.



8. **COLUMBIA/ELLCOTT CITY, MD.**

One of the nation's oldest settlements, founded in 1772, Ellicott City snuggles up to one of its newest settlements, Columbia, a planned community conjured out of 14,000 acres of farmland in 1967. This duo remains a perennial contender on the Best Places list thanks to its mix of charm, comfort and careful zoning.



9. **OVERLAND PARK, KAN.**

Overland Park's flat terrain and grid layout do not provide much drama, but for its residents, reasonable housing prices, good jobs and proximity to Kansas City, Mo., are excitement enough.



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# Graduation cash provides options for spending extra money



ERIC DAVIS

If you are anything like me, the biggest hurdle to jump after graduation may not be finding a job or city to live, it is deciding what to do with all the cash rolling in.

There are just too many options. Take a look at this list and use your brain; chances are good that you can come up with an acceptable solution for your cash.

1. INVESTING?

Before the economy collapsed, the smartest decision would have been to invest, but now the market is just too unstable.

You can gamble if you want, but your money will most likely depreciate immediately after putting it into an account.



2. NON-TRADITIONAL BANKS

There are many ways to save money other than putting it in the bank.

You could take the route many took with the last great depression and sock the cash away under a mattress. At least you know the fluctuating nature of Wall Street cannot harm the balance.

If you are worried about a house fire literally burning through your cash, put it all in mayonnaise jar and bury it in the backyard.

For an added bonus, you could intentionally forget where you buried the money so when you need it in 10 years, you can play treasure hunt. Fun!



While many adults consider video games to be childish and lame, they are not. A well thought-out home entertainment system could come in handy when looking for something to do.

What about the collections call? Just forget about them! You have to watch "The Dark Knight" in HD and don't have time to answer the phone.



Whatever you decide to do with your money, just make sure the decision will be beneficial in the future. It might not seem like these ideas are helpful, but they are. Just make sure you have enough money to pay the bills. Mom and Dad are not going to send the money like they used to.

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# 10 job fields that are growing fast



ERIC DAVIS

With the current economic situation, the job market is becoming more competitive. What if there were not any jobs in your particular field?

The following are the top-ten fastest growing job markets in the U.S., as reported by *forbes.com*. With potential problems getting a career started or finding a job, this list could help you to re-evaluate a potential career.

## 1.HOME HEALTH AIDES

While this job might not pay well, it is a field desperately needing workers. Jobs in this area have increased 56 percent in the last year. Even with a small amount of required training, you are usually offered a job on the spot. The salary is small, leveling out at about \$20,000.



## 2. NETWORK SYSTEMS AND DATA COMMUNICATIONS ANALYSTS

This might sound like a boring job, but it pays well and offers long-term stability. A drawback to this field is that a bachelor's degree required, so those looking to break into this industry with a journalism degree might have trouble. The pay is nice as well, starting at about \$43,000 a year.



## 3. MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

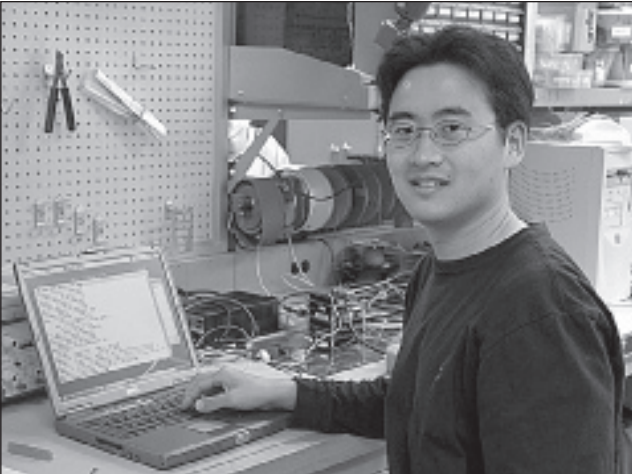
Medical assistant is another position requiring and offering on-the-job training. Jobs in this medical area are up 52 percent and can range from being a lab technician to a dental hygienist. It is not the most glamorous job on the list, but jobs in this field are growing rapidly with salaries beginning around \$25,000.



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## 4. PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.

Another job in the medical industry, hint hint, is physician assistants, which are basically one step below doctors. The jobs vary from office to office as far as what they do. Typically, duties include diagnosing and treating a problem while answering to the head practitioner. Salaries generally start around \$43,000.



## 5. COMPUTER SOFTWARE ENGINEERS

This is another job requiring a four-year degree but offers excellent job security. There are always going to be computers, which are always going to need someone to tell them what to do. With a four-year degree and a love for computers, you can expect to make around \$43,000 a year.



## 6. PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS

People are constantly getting injured, therefore, there will always be a need for them to get back into shape. Physical therapy assistants can expect to earn \$20,000 to \$28,000 annually, and the only required degree is an associates'. This field has grown by 44 percent since previous years and shows no sign of leveling off.

## 7. DENTAL HYGIENISTS

This is another job in the ever-growing medical industry. Hygienists clean your teeth in preparation for the dentist's work. They make around \$43,000 and only require an associate's degree. However, be ready to see some dirty mouths.



## 8. COMPUTER SOFTWARE ENGINEERS FOR SYSTEMS

This is another rapidly growing area of technology. While it requires a bachelor's degree, this area has grown by more than 43 percent in the past few years. The job could be boring at times, but it pays well and is stable.



## 9. DENTAL ASSISTANTS

Similar to hygienists, dental assistants actually assist the dentist with the drilling and everything else that makes people hate dentists. This job makes less than its hygienist counterpart at about \$20,000 to \$28,000, but no degree is required.

## 10. PERSONAL AND HOME CARE AIDES

Aides are those who care for the elderly and others unable to leave their home. This requires no degrees, and short on-the-job training is necessary. The pay is not great at \$20,000, but the help administered to your client could be all the reward necessary.



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# Web sites can assist graduates in finding jobs after college

**MONSTER.COM**  
The biggest job site online, *Monster.com* features more than 1.1 million job listings from companies and more than 41 million resumes from job seekers. Monster offers advice about resumes, interviewing and salary negotiation. The Privacy Plus feature allows one to block specified companies from viewing his or her resume, keeping it confidential from a current employer – *HotJobs.com* was first with this feature.

Monster Networking hooks up job-seekers in the same industry, and Monster Learning is a directory of online degree programs. Still, while *Monster.com* has the widest scope, some users and reviewers complain many of its listings are junk posts from headhunters and agencies. *HotJobs.com* can filter such posts out.

As the largest job search site, *Monster.com* is reviewed by a number of sources, including PC Magazine, *TopJobSites.com* and Workforce Management magazine, all of which compare its pros and cons to other job sites.

**SIMPLYHIRED.COM**  
*SimplyHired.com* aggregates results from major job Web sites, newspapers, company Web sites, associations and other online sources.

Employers cannot post jobs on *SimplyHired*; this site is strictly for job seekers. Users can search by occupation, job title or location, and results can be filtered by job type, education, work experience, company revenue, company size or niche characteristics, like by fastest-growing companies.

After using the site for a while, reviewers note that one can receive job suggestions based on one's search criteria. Resumes cannot be posted here, as on *Monster.com* or *HotJobs.com*, but a free feature allows a resume for posting on five other job sites. *SimplyHired.com* is reviewed by two sources: Searcher magazine, which compares this job search site to *Indeed.com*, and PC Magazine, whose writer offers a glowing write-up of the site.

**DICE.COM**  
*Dice.com* is another job site known for its listings for positions in the information technology industry.

Reviewers like this site's straightforward interface, and say industry-specific niche sites in general work better than mega-sites, like *HotJobs.com* or *Monster.com* in matching up employers with job seekers.

*Dice.com* also offers advice on writing resumes and obtaining IT certification, as

well as a variety of tech-centric discussion forums.

Experts say one should consult several sites when conducting a job search.

Both PC Magazine and *About.com's* guide to Web search recommend *Dice.com* for job searchers seeking employment in the information technology industry.

**CAREERBUILDER.COM**  
*CareerBuilder.com* pulls job listings not from other job sites like *HotJobs.com* or *Monster.com*, but from the pages of major newspapers – a search on this site might turn up something different, especially for one looking for work in a major metropolitan area served by one of these newspaper chains.

Job search experts say it pays to visit as many sites as you can, so *CareerBuilder* is worth a visit, but any search here should be supplemented by looking at a major job site like *HotJobs.com* or *Monster.com*.

*CareerBuilder.com* is analyzed by *TopJobSites.com* and Workforce Management magazine, which judge job sites by traffic and popularity. This job site is also recommended by *About.com's* guide to job searching.

There are a few pros and cons to this site.

One pro is that the site pulls jobs from

newspapers and does not recycle jobs from other sites. One con, however, is that there are fewer jobs on this site than its competitors.

**HOTJOBS.COM**  
*HotJobs.com* ranks below *Monster.com* in a sheer number of listings, but reviewers say *HotJobs'* features are more appealing.

Users like the Status feature that allows one to see the number of times a resume has been viewed; *Monster* has a similar feature.

If you are afraid of a current employer finding the online resume, *HotJobs* can block certain companies from accessing a profile.

The site can be browsed by keyword, industry or state, and there are tools for resume writing, interviewing and networking.

You can also subscribe to newsletters that cater to particular segments of the market, such as technology, government, sales, health care and college graduates.

*TopJobSites.com* and *QuintCareers.com* compare *HotJobs.com* to other large job search sites, and recommend it as a top choice.

– consumersearch.com

## Tips for a smooth graduation

Here are some last minute tips and tricks to make graduation day a little easier.

**SATURDAY**

- Doors will open at 8 a.m. at Bramlage Coliseum and 7:30 a.m. at McCain Auditorium.
- Arts and Sciences – 9 a.m. in Bramlage Coliseum. Students are asked to meet at 8 a.m. in the Bramlage concourse.
- Education – 10:30 a.m. Bramlage. Students are asked to assemble at 9:45 a.m. in the Bramlage concourse.
- Business Administration – noon, at Bramlage. Students are asked to meet in the tunnel and enter through the southwest doors.
- Agriculture – 1:30 p.m. at Bramlage. Students are asked to meet in the tunnel.
- Engineering – 3 p.m. at Bramlage. Students are asked to meet in the concourse area.
- The College of Human Ecology will have graduation in McCain Auditorium at 9 a.m. Students are asked to meet at 8:15 a.m.

in the Music wing, rooms 201 and 204.

**HELPFUL GRADUATION DAY TIPS:**

1. Parking will be available at Bramlage in the east and west lots. There will be golf carts on hand to help those unable to walk across the lot into the building. Graduates from the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business Administration and Engineering are asked to use the west lot and all others are encouraged to use the east lot.
2. There will not be a coat check so graduates are encouraged to leave any personal or valuable items in the car or at home.

There will be a virtual commencement Web site available for those graduating through the Department of Distance Education. The site will feature names of the graduates, a place for family and friends to post messages and a commencement address. These features, and more, can be found at [dce.ksu.edu/commencement](http://dce.ksu.edu/commencement).

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